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SUBJECT: ISRAELI VIOLATION OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

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1. ISRAELI VIOLATION, REPORTED IN REFTEL, (10 155MM SP ART PIECES IN LIMITED ARMAMENTS AREA) CAME AS SURPRISE TO US, SINCE ALL PREVIOUS INFORMATION HAD INDICATED SCRUPULOUS ISRAELI OBSERVANCE OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. FYI, COORDINATES IN REFTEL DO NOT PLACE PIECES IN LIMITED ARMAMENTS ZONE.
2. WE ARE AT LOSS TO EXPLAIN REASON FOR INTRODUCING UNAUTHORIZED ARTY AT THIS TIME. IMMEDIATE THOUGHT IS THAT THEY ARE TARGETED AGAINST THE UNAUTHORIZED SAM SITES IN EGYPTIAN LIMITED ARMAMENTS AREA, BUT APPARENT CONCENTRATION IN EXTREME SOUTH DOES NOT SUPPORT THIS.
3. WHATEVER THE REASON, THE TIMING IS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE, FOR PAST FOUR WEEKS OR SO, THERE HAS BEEN OBVIOUSLY COORDINATED ISRAELI PARTY LINE EXPRESSING FEAR THAT EGYPT WILL MOVE FORCES TO EAST BANK OF SUEZ CANAL TO PROTECT CANAL WHEN IT OPENS ON JUNE 5TH. ISRAELI VIOLATION COULD BE VIEWED BY EGYPT AS A POSSIBLE MENACE TO CANAL SHIPPING. THIS IN TURN COULD RESULT IN EGYPTAIN MILITARY MOVE OF SOME SORT ACROSS THE CANAL.

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4. WE ARE ONLY SPECULATING, OF COURSE, BUT WE ARE ONLY TOO
CONSCIOUS OF DANGERS OF SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECIES IN MIDDLE
EAST, GIVEN HIGH STATE OF MUTUAL SUSPICION AND HOSTILITY. WE
WONDER IF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS IN THIS INSTANCE ARE DIRECT CONSEQUENCE
OF EGYPTAN UNAUTHORIZED SAM SITES. ON CHANCE THIS IS CASE, IT
MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO APPROACH BOTH GOE AND GOI AND POINT
OUT ESCALATORY DANGERS OF BOTH VIOLATIONS.
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